

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 23, 32-41, 57, 59-61, 63, and 65-69 have been allowed.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note that acknowledgments of the receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) filed on August 11, 2006 and September 6, 2006 have not been received. As an indication of consideration of the references cited in these two IDSs, Applicants respectfully request initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 that accompanied the IDSs.

Claims 1 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,493,050 to Lien et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited reference fails to disclose all of the claimed features of the present invention, as defined in amended independent Claims 1 and 8. More specifically, the Lien et al. reference fails to disclose a liquid crystal display device (Claim 1) and a color filter substrate (Claim 8) in which, *inter alia*, "gap holding spacers formed interspersedly in an area between outside of a display region and the sealing material which is outside of the display region on the substrate."

One example of an embodiment of the invention defined in Claims 1 and 8 is shown in Applicants' Figure 65D, which includes gap holding spacers formed interspersedly

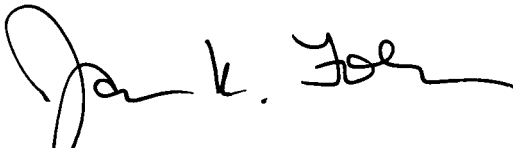
in an area between outside of a display region and the sealing material which is outside of the display region on the substrate.

In contrast, the dams 110 of the Lien et al. reference are built around the inside edge of the glue area 113 and outside of the display active area to prevent or reduce glue interaction or contamination with the liquid crystal, *i.e.*, to seal off the liquid crystal. *See* Lien et al., column 5, lines 5-10 and column 6, lines 20-24. As can be seen in Figure 2 of the Lien et al. reference, dams 110 are not interspersed at all. Accordingly, as all of the features of independent Claims 1 and 8 are not disclosed in the Lien et al. reference, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this §102(b) rejection of Claims 1 and 8.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of the application, or that outstanding issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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